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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-3, 6, 15, 22, 24-27, 33, 37-39, 42, 43 and 45-56 are pending in this application.

Action Summary

1. The rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Day is being maintained for the reasons stated in the previous office action.
2. The rejection of claims 22, 24-26 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Day is hereby withdrawn.
3. The rejection of claims 27 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sachetto is being maintained for the reasons stated in the previous office action.
4. The rejection of claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Day is being maintained for the reasons stated in the previous office action.
5. The rejection of claim 39 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sachetto is being maintained for the reasons stated in the previous office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 3, 6, 22, 24-26, 42, 43 and 45-56 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. The indicated allowability of claims 33 and 37 is withdrawn. Rejections based on the reference(s) follow.

Rejection of claims 33 and 37 will fall under the same rejection as claim 27 and 38 over Sachetto.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments filed August 16, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants argue that the prior art reference of Day does not teach the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease with a polysaccharide selected from xanthan gum and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose (HPMC) together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or vehicle. Claims 1 and 2 are directed towards a composition comprising a polysaccharide and a carrier or vehicle, which is described in the prior art of Day. The treatment of inflammatory bowel disease is an intended use for the composition and carries no patentable weight. With respect to the intended use in a claim for a composition, a statement of intended use is of little patentable weight unless it specifically alters one or more ingredients of said composition. In re Madder et al. 143 USPQ 248. It is the position of the examiner that Sachetto teaches the claimed invention. Claim 27 is directed towards an enema comprising about 0.4 to about 2% w/w of xanthan gum and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or vehicle. Sachetto teaches a composition for rectal or vaginal administration comprising water, a liquefied

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gas, a surfactant and a water-soluble polymer. The water-soluble polymer is xanthan gum or hydroxypropylmethylcellulose and is in a concentration of up to 5%.

Conclusion

9. Claims 1, 2, 15, 27, 33 and 37-39 are rejected.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Telephone Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Konata M. George, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0613. The examiner can normally be reached from 8AM to 6:30PM Monday to Thursday.

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